

# *Tilapia jallae*

## Ecological Risk Screening Summary

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Photo not available.

## 1 Native Range, and Status in the United States

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### Native Range

From Froese and Pauly (2015):

“Africa: upper Zambezi [Boulenger 1896; Daget et al. 1991].”

### Status in the United States

This species has not been reported in the U.S.

### Means of Introductions in the United States

This species has not been reported in the U.S.

## 2 Biology and Ecology

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### Taxonomic Hierarchy and Taxonomic Standing

From ITIS (2015):

“Kingdom Animalia  
Subkingdom Bilateria  
Infrakingdom Deuterostomia  
Phylum Chordata  
Subphylum Vertebrata  
Infraphylum Gnathostomata  
Superclass Osteichthyes  
Class Actinopterygii  
Subclass Neopterygii  
Infraclass Teleostei  
Superorder Acanthopterygii  
Order Perciformes  
Suborder Labroidei  
Family Cichlidae  
Genus Tilapia  
Species Tilapia jallae (Boulenger, 1896)”

“Taxonomic Status: valid”

## **Size, Weight, and Age Range**

From Froese and Pauly (2015):

“Max length : 7.5 cm TL male/unsexed; [Daget et al. 1991]”

## **Environment**

From Froese and Pauly (2015):

“Freshwater; benthopelagic.”

## **Climate/Range**

From Froese and Pauly (2015):

“Tropical”

## **Distribution Outside the United States**

Native

From Froese and Pauly (2015):

“Africa: upper Zambezi [Boulenger 1896; Daget et al. 1991].”

Introduced

No introductions of this species have been reported.

## **Means of Introduction Outside the United States**

No introductions of this species have been reported.

## **Short description**

No information available.

## **Biology**

From Froese and Pauly (2015):

“Mouthbrooding by females.”

## **Human uses**

From Froese and Pauly (2015):

“Fisheries: of no interest”

## **Diseases**

No OIE-notifiable diseases have been reported for this species.

## Threat to humans

From Froese and Pauly (2015):

“Harmless”

## 3 Impacts of Introductions

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No introductions of this species have been reported.

## 4 Global Distribution

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No map available. From Froese and Pauly (2015):

“Africa: upper Zambezi [Boulenger 1896; Daget et al. 1991].”

## 5 Distribution within the United States

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This species has not been reported in the U.S.

## 6 Climate Matching

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Insufficient data available for climate matching. RAMP (Sanders et al. 2014) was unable to perform climate matching because no georeferenced locations were available for this species in GBIF (2015). Added locational data would allow climate matching to be completed in the future.

## 7 Certainty of Assessment

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Little information is available on the biology of *T. jallae* and it has not become established outside its native range. The certainty of this assessment is high because the lack of information about this species precludes any assessment other than “uncertain” risk.

## 8 Risk Assessment

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### Summary of Risk to the Continental United States

*Tilapia jallae* is a benthopelagic cichlid native to the Upper Zambezi River basin in central Africa. The species has not been reported as introduced outside of its native range. Because *T. jallae* has no history of invasiveness, it is currently impossible to know what impacts *T. jallae* might have if introduced to the U.S. Climate match to the contiguous U.S. is also unknown, due to a lack of locational data. Overall risk of this species is uncertain.

### Assessment Elements

- **History of Invasiveness (Sec. 3):** Uncertain
- **Climate Match (Sec.6):** Uncertain
- **Certainty of Assessment (Sec. 7):** High
- **Overall Risk Assessment Category: Uncertain**

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**Note: The following references were accessed for this ERSS. References cited within quoted text but not accessed are included below in Section 10.**

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